The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Energy in the Lok Sabha, which again undertook detailed consultation with all stakeholders including State Governments. The Government accepted most of the recommendations of the Standing Committee. The liberalization in the definition of captive generation was affected on the basis of the recommendations of the Standing Committee.

Availability of coal in collieries

*33. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 1804 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th August, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is availability of coal in the collieries which have been specified by the Hon'ble High Court, Jharkhand; and

(b) if not, what is the production of the collieries named Amlo, New Sel. Dhori, Karo, Khasmahal, Jarangdih and Sel. Dhori since January, 2003 onwards?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, the coal produced from the collieries which have been specified by the Hon'ble High Court, Jharkhand, is being supplied to priority sector consumers like power stations and steel plants under core sector. After meeting the requirement of core sector, balance coal available is offered/allocated to different categories of non core sector on pro-rata basis. The production figures of the collieries mentioned in the High Court order for the period January, 2003 to October, 2003 are given below:-

(figures in '000 tonnes)

Name of Colliery	Production
Amlo	426
New Sel. Dhori	32
Sel. Dhori Quarry No. 1	763
Sel. Dhori Quarry No. 3	1258
Karo	1152
Khasmahal	478
Jarangdih	364